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## County of Los Angeles

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### AGENDA HIGHLIGHTS—BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

April 30, 9:30 a.m.

#### **Presentations:**

Board members recognize seven community groups for outstanding programs and services developed after the 1992 civil disturbances in Los Angeles.

Sheriff's deputy Michael J. Schaap is cited for heroism after recovering from a near fatal shooting in the line of duty.

Marcella and Bob Leach, founders of Justice for Homicide Victims, are honored as part of the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of California's Victims Bill of Rights law.

Girls varsity basketball team at Bishop Montgomery High School receives commendation for winning the CIF State Division III Championship for 2002, an achievement the team has accomplished five times.

#### **Agenda Items:**

Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich asks supervisors to support requesting additional funding from the federal government to reimburse local governments for the cost of incarcerating criminal illegal aliens. President Bush's proposed budget calls for eliminating the funding. Almost 25% of Los Angeles County's inmates are illegal aliens. (Item 2)

Board members consider augmenting the Coroner's budget by \$312,000 – following reports of rats accessing bodies – to fund an electronic crypt door, additional surveillance cameras, embalming and cremation of bodies. (Item 4)

Proposal presented to investigate alternatives to landfills, including possible locations for waste to energy facilities, a schedule for opening Eagle Mountain and Mesquite landfills and a timeline to accelerate materials recovery facilities and rail haul. (Item 6)

Supervisor Don Knabe requests preparation of an ordinance to prohibit all forms of commercial solicitation between the hours of 8 p.m. and 8 a.m. in unincorporated areas

of the County. (Item 15)

Board considers agreement to expand by 12,825 sq.ft. office space for the Department of Children and Family Services at its headquarters, 425 Shatto Place, Los Angeles, and approve \$450,000 to refurbish premises and acquire new furniture. (Item 23)

Recommendation presented to prevent contractor accused of deceptive practices from receiving County contracts. (Item 27)

Supervisors consider ordinance requiring County employees or officers who lose their official badge to immediately file a police report before receiving a replacement, and sign a declaration under penalty of perjury that badge was lost. (Items 28 & 106)

Audit committee recommends that supervisors disband the board of governors of the County Arboreta and Botanic Gardens in Arcadia, effective Dec. 31, 2002, finding that the board for the past three years has not provided the County with any significant benefits. (Item 30)

Department of Beaches and Harbors asks supervisors to approve amendment to lease agreement for a revised minimum rent of \$62,343.66 per month for Parcel 28W (Mariners Bay), Marina del Rey. (Item 33)

Department of Children and Family Services requests authorization to hire five transportation workers to take children to and from Juvenile Dependency Court appearances; and 12 public health nurses and two public health nurse supervisors to review, assess and investigate allegations of child abuse and neglect. (Items 35 & 36)

District Attorney Steve Cooley asks supervisors to approve \$140,334 agreement with the city of La Mirada to reduce street gang violence and graffiti problems. (Item 38)

Fire Department reorganization proposed to decentralize operations, put managers closer to the communities served, and allow more civilian employees. (Item 39)

Board members consider \$6.6 million in agreements to fund the County's tuberculosis control program, including targeted testing and treatment in designated high-risk population within the County. (Item 43)

To combat an increase in syphilis among gay men in the County, supervisors asked to approve \$394,345 agreement for testing and treatment. (Item 46)

Department of Health Services seeks authorization to spend \$51,150 for HIV/AIDS prevention efforts in commercial sex venues and bath houses. (Item 47)

Supervisors asked to set June 25 for hearing on proposed annual service fee increase from \$75 to \$108 per refuse unit for the Belvedere Garbage Disposal District in fiscal year 2002-2003. (Item 73)

Supervisors asked to approve maximum \$428,000 agreement for the interns/residents

dormitory earthquake recovery project at LAC+USC Medical Center. (Item 82)

Sheriff Lee Baca, saying officer training facilities are inadequate, requests authorization to apply for \$1.2 million state grant to prepare plans for academy and training center on 205-acre site in Lancaster. (Item 89)

Approval sought to spend up to \$1.5 million to hire homicide investigators who have retired from the County to address a backlog of 3,000 unsolved cases. (Item 90)

Superior Court seeks approval of new names for certain former municipal courthouses which do not reflect the name of the city in which they are located; and request by cities of Palmdale and Lancaster to rename the Antelope Valley Courthouse in honor of Supervisor Michael D. Antonovich. (Item 94)

Board members consider various case settlements: (1) \$175,000 to New York resident Dawn Charles, who was run over by a lifeguard while sunbathing at County beach on July 3. (Item 100); (2) \$1.3 million to Malibu resident Larry Coffman, whose hilltop home was destabilized by a broken water main that caused structures to separate from the house (Item 101); and (3) \$125,000 to Melina Gutierrez, stemming from sexual harassment on the job at Los Padrinos Juvenile Hall. (Item 102)

Report scheduled on process to ensure improved level of law enforcement services for unincorporated areas. (Item 109)

Supervisors consider report by the Chief Administrative Office on status of rat infestation in the Coroner's facilities. (Item 110)

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